

## CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FLASH INCIDENT REPORT

EVENT NAME: Butte Vegetation Fire, Amador and Calaveras Counties

DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 09/15/15 at 1345 hours

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LOCATION: Butte Mountain Rd & Amador Lane, Jackson

IMPACT OF EVENT: **Major**

### SITUATION SUMMARY:

A State Responsibility Area (SRA) fire is burning near Butte Mountain Rd & Amador Lane, Jackson.

Fire Information per ICS-209 as of 09/15/15 at 0714 hours; Evacuations and all other information contained in the report based on best available information as of 09/15/15 1100 hours:

- 71,660 Acres, 37% Contained
- Structures Threatened: 6,000 Single Residences, 150 Multiple Residences, 150 Mixed Commercial / Residential, 100 Nonresidential Commercial Property
- Structures Damaged: 5 Single Residences, 7 Minor Structures
- Structures Destroyed: 166 Single Residences, 116 Other Minor Structures
- Local Government Resources: 312 engines and 7 watertenders assigned
- OES Resources: 74 OES engines, 2 watertenders, OES AC (5214) and (5213) assigned.
- An FMAG has been received and approved by FEMA; FEMA-5111-FM-CA.

### Proclamations

- Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has issued an Emergency Proclamation for Amador and Calaveras Counties due to the effects of the Butte Fire.
- Calaveras County Proclaimed a local emergency and requested CDAA and access to Federal resources and any other Federal disaster relief programs.
- City of Angels Camp proclaimed a local emergency and requested CDAA and access to Federal resources and any other Federal disaster relief programs.

### Activations

- The Cal OES State Operations Center (SOC) is activated to Level 3.
- The Cal OES Inland Region Emergency Operations Center (IREOC) and Coastal Region Emergency Operations Center (CREOC) are activated at Level 3 and operating as one combined REOC from the Inland location to support both Valley Fire (Lake County) and Butte Fire (Amador-Calaveras Counties).
- Amador County EOC is activated to Level 2 in support of the Butte Fire.
- Calaveras County EOC is activated to Level 2 in support of the Butte Fire.

- An incident has been created in CalEOC: 2015-09-10 Butte Fire, Amador and Calaveras Counties

## **Deployments**

- (1) Cal OES Fire Assistant Chief (AC - 5214)
- (5) Cal OES Public Safety Communications (PSC) Technicians
- (2) Cal OES Law Enforcement ACs at the Calaveras ICP
- (1) Cal OES Law Enforcement Deputy Chief at Calaveras County EOC
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- Cal OES Inland Regional Administrator deployed to the Amador and Calaveras EOCs.
- (1) Cal OES Inland Region Emergency Services Coordinators (ESC) on scene at Amador County EOC
- (2) Cal OES Inland Region ESC's on scene at Calaveras County EOC
- The Tuolumne Band of Me-wuk Indians has provided a GIS representative to the Calaveras EOC.
- The Tuolumne County Sheriff and the Tuolumne County administrative staff have been in contact with their counter-parts in Calaveras County and have made offers for assistance as needed.
- (1) Public Assistance (PA) Disaster Assistance Program Specialist (DAPS) deployed to Calaveras County EOC
- (1) Cal OES Individual Assistance (IA) ESC has deployed to Calaveras County EOC

## **Evacuations**

**Approximate residents evacuated: 1,700**

### **Calaveras County:**

#### **Mandatory Evacuations:**

West Murray Creek/Murraydale Lane (entire street), All areas east from Mountain Ranch Rd at Calaveritas Rd south to Fricot City Rd, Calaveritas Rd (the east side of Calaveritas), Costa Rd south to Fourth Crossing to Hwy 49 (southeast side) East side of Hwy 49 at Fourth Crossing, south to Cosgrove (Cosgrove is not evacuated but is under an advisory). All areas north from Dogtown Rd at French Gulch Creek east to San Domingo Rd to Sheep Ranch Rd. The areas north along Sheep Ranch Rd at Avery Sheep Ranch to intersection of Morris Rd/Valley View Rd. Hwy 26 in Mokelumne Hill at Italian Vista to West Point all areas to include Glencoe, Westpoint and Wilseyville, Bald Mountain Rd, Winton Rd, Blue Mountain Rd, Mitchell Mill Rd, Skunk Hollow Rd. The entire areas of Railroad Flat Mountain Ranch and Sheep Ranch to include all outlying areas east of these towns. Summit Level Rd, Swiss Ranch Rd, Armstrong Rd and Scott Rd.

#### **Advisory Evacuations:**

The corridor along Hwy 49 from the Amador County Line south to the city limits of Angels Camp and all areas east of Hwy 49 that were previously released are now under an advisory. The areas southeast of Calaveritas Road to Costa Road, The areas along Fricot City Road along the southside to Sheep Ranch Road. The areas South of Avery Sheep Ranch Road to Morris Road in Avery, The town of Murphys, Forrest Meadows,

Avery and along the Hwy 4 corridor from Avery to Arnold, including the town of Arnold.

**Amador County:**

**Mandatory Evacuations:**

1130 09/15/15 Per OES LE, all mandatory evacuations orders in Amador County are lifted.

Repopulation – Ongoing

The following evacuation areas have been lifted and are open to RESIDENTS ONLY; however, this area will remain under an evacuation advisory.

(Calaveras County) Town of San Andreas

Gold Strike Rd through Pope St. to Mountain Ranch Road Mountain Ranch Rd west to Hwy 49, Hwy 49 north to SR 26 (Mokelumne Hill) continuing northbound Hwy 49 to the Calaveras/Amador County line (only in unburned areas), Highway 49 at the Amador county line south to Highway 26, east along Highway 26 to Italian Vista – areas outside of the burned area 6766, 6800, 6816, 6851, 6961, 6979, 7000 Italian Vista Drive, Residents of 8869 and 8895 Highway 26, The Main Street area of Mokelumne Hill to include: Big Bar Road, Gold Rush Lane, Loan Lane, Sunshine Lane, W. Center Street, Old Toll Road, Miwok Trail, Munoz Road, Victor Court, Campo Seco Turnpike / Mokelumne Hill Campo Seco Turnpike, Sierra Lane, Easy Bird Road, E. Center Street. The following roads in the Angels Camp, Murphys, Avery and Arnold areas: The southwest side of Calaveritas Road from Mountain Ranch Road south to the intersection of Calaveritas and Costa Roads. Cosgrove Road, Meacham Ranch Road, Haskill Lane, Lumpy Lane, Bruner Hill Road Coppello Drive, Deer Creek Road, Dogtown Road, Schmauder Mine Road, Gardner Lane, French Gulch Road, including the Darby subdivision All areas north and west of Highway 4 along Angels Camp, Murphys, Avery and Arnold are open to San Domingo Road, Sheep Ranch Road, and Esmeralda Roads. The following subdivisions: Northwood Drive subdivision, Lakemont Drive subdivision, Meadowmont subdivision, Mill Woods and White Pines

Advisory Evacuations:

- Hwy 88 from Ranch Road East to Tiger Creek Road (Red Corral and Buckhorn Areas).

**Shelters / Evacuation Centers**

CDSS is working closely with the American Red Cross to monitor for increased sheltering demands. Red Cross fully anticipates being able to meet any spikes that might occur the evening of 9-11-15. CDSS will continue to stay in close communications with the Red Cross throughout the weekend to ensure that all mass care needs and concerns are identified and met.

**Calaveras County:**

**Shelters:**

- Good Samaritan Church, 4684 Baldwin St Valley Springs, CA 95252. **Midnight Shelter Count: 0**

- Jenny Lind Veterans Hall, 189 Pine St Valley Springs CA. [Midnight Shelter Count: 0](#)
- Copperopolis Elementary School, 217 School Street, Copperopolis, CA 95228, non-ARC Shelter, Shelter Count: 4
- Copperopolis Town Square, 100 Town Square Road, Copperopolis, CA 95228, non-ARC Shelter, Shelter Count: 30
- Animal shelter: Calaveras Fairgrounds for large animals, 2465 Gun Club Road, Angels Camp, CA 95222. ([Closed](#))
- Calaveras County Animal shelter for small animals/pets only, 901 Jeff Tuttle Road, San Andreas, CA

#### **Amador County:**

- **Shelters:** Jackson Rancheria Casino and Resort, 12222 New York Ranch Road, Jackson, CA. This is a Red Cross Shelter. [Midnight Shelter Count: 145](#)
- **Animal shelter:** Amador Fairgrounds for small and large animals, 18621 Sherwood St. Plymouth, CA, 95669.

#### **Road Closures**

##### **Calaveras County:**

[As of 1130, 09/15/15: SR 26 from Mokelumne Hill to Ridge Road, Ridge Road closed to Railroad Flat Road, Railroad Flat Road closed to Mountain Ranch Road, Mountain Ranch Road closed to Hwy 49, Michel Road is closed.](#)

##### **Amador County:**

[As of 1130 hours, 09/15/15: Per OES LE, all road closures in Amador County are lifted.](#)

#### **Access and Functional Needs/ Health and Medical**

- American Legion Ambulance staffing 9 units (both Amador and Calaveras Counties). They have implemented emergency staffing through the incident. They will staff (9) 24 hour units through 09/11/15 and will staff 8 units 09/12 – 09/13/15.
- Per CDSS: Currently, there are 13 known community care licensing facilities impacted by the Butte Fire. The impact to these facilities has affected at least 132 clients. CDSS will continue to monitor the impact to these facilities as well as any other facilities that become impacted by the ongoing fires.
- Calaveras County: Avalon Health Care San Andreas (Skilled Nursing Facility): Update on 9/12/15 at 1201 hours from Region IV MHOAC (designee). Air quality remains good. Met with the site manager and the facility has no immediate needs. The facility transferred 12 at-risk patients yesterday leaving the current census of 71. Resources are available if evacuation is necessary. Site maintenance had procured 10 additional HEPA filters which should be on-site 9/12/15.
- Mark Twain Medical Center (MTMC): Update 9/12/15 1201 hours from Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator, Calaveras, Region IV. Transferring 7 patients to outlying facilities due to poor air quality within the facility. All transfers to be performed by American Legion with no assistance needed. There was an HVAC malfunction which allowed outside air to be circulated within the

facility. Problem mitigated and new filters installed. Air quality has improved significantly over the 2 hours since the mitigation. After the transfer of these 7 patients, the MTMC census of Admitted patients will be 0 (zero). Update 9/13/15 1131 hours, Mark Twain Hospital transferred their remaining 4 admitted patients and closed admissions. The patients were transferred to St. Josephs in Stockton. One patient remained due to special health care needs. Mark Twain Hospital will not admit any patients until air quality monitoring can be established. If the Hospital cannot obtain air monitoring equipment, EMSA will submit a resource request to the Region. **Update 9/15/15 1128 hours per EMSA, Mark Twain Hospital: Facility is open and admitting patients. Elective surgeries and Pulmonary Rehabilitation have been cancelled for today, continuing to evaluate. Medical clinics in Copperopolis and Arnold are closed due to staff affected by the fire. The facility employees are developing a list of volunteers to visit established shelters to provide RN and Prescription refill support. No needs at this time.**

- Amador County: Sutter Amador Hospital (General Acute Care Hospital): Update 9/11/15 2030 hours from MHOAC, (designee) Region IV Fire continues to impact the region with widespread growth affecting air quality. No issue or immediate need at the moment. Hospital environment safe and no complaints of increase in respiratory issues. Air quality inside the hospital is good. They are prepared for evacuation if needed and continue to maintain their census by acuity. All clinical units are open. Only emergency surgeries are being performed with 2 scheduled for Saturday. There is concern about staff and their families who have been evacuated. EAP services have been brought in for employees and their families. Hospital ICS continues to operate with regular updates. Expecting shipment of Albuterol tomorrow to pharmacy.

#### **Law Enforcement Mutual Aid**

- Sacramento County Sheriff = 4
- California Highway Patrol = 41
- California State Fish and Wildlife = 10
- El Dorado County Sheriff = 12
- Kings County Sheriff = 2
- Livingston Police Dept. = 2
- Roseville Police Dept. = 2
- Tuolumne County Sheriff = 16
- Stanislaus County Sheriff = 6
- Madera County Sheriff = 6
- Corcoran Police Department = 2
- Lemoore Police Dept. = 2
- Hanford Police Dept. = 4
- Fresno Police Dept.= 10

#### **Schools**

- All Calaveras County schools will be closed on 9/15/15.
- All Amador County schools will be closed on 9/15/15.

## **Threat to Waterways, Water Sources, Natural Habitat/Species, State Parks and Historical or Tribal Lands/Assets**

- State Parks- Indian Grinding Rock and Calaveras Big Trees parks have been evacuated.

## **Infrastructure**

- State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Department of Drinking Water (DDW) Stockton District Office reports that State regulated public water systems in the counties of Amador and Calaveras, have impacts mainly related to power outages, water systems are now utilizing generators. There are no reports of damage at this time. The Calaveras County Local Primacy Agency (LPA) have several systems in the area that are under evacuation. Once evacuation orders are rescinded the LPA will assess the situation. SWRCB DDW staff continues to monitor the incident(s) within their areas of responsibility and report status.
- Per Cal EPA EF 10 Coordinator as of 1400, 09/11/15:
  - SWRCB Division of Drinking Water reached out to local engineers in Calaveras County and determined that the current water system issues were all power related. Portable power is being used to address the issues.
- Per CUEA at 0930 hours on 09/15/15, Butte Fire is affecting 4,500 customers. Impacting Calaveras and Amador Counties. 5500 assets to assess, with the potential of 500-600 poles and associated hardware that may need replacement.
  - No impact to PG&E Hydro Generation.
  - All five cell towers impacted presently on full portable generation.
  - East Bay Municipal Utilities District reporting no impact to their water system.
- Per Cal OES Public Safety Communications: The communications site Sierra Vista has burned over due to the Butte Fire. State agencies who are in that site are CALFIRE, Department of Transportation (DOT) and California Highway Patrol (CHP). A technician responded to the site to assess the damage.
  - Phone lines and power are down.
  - CALFIRE has a portable repeater being installed at the site. CALFIRE is operational.
  - CHP is using coverage of other sites. CHP is down because the repeater is phone line controlled.
  - DOT is operational.
- Per Cal OES Public Safety Communications: CAL-Fire TCU headquarters in San Andreas is currently being evacuated. PSC has a shop located within that facility. PSC technicians were evacuated out of the facility. A snowcat assigned to the facility was towed out and the test equipment was also removed by the technicians.
- Per the Cal OES Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Division: There are seven CIP identified, state-level, critical infrastructure sites that meet the draft criteria and are within 10 miles of the fire – Amador County EOC, their Department of Public Health mail office, Calaveras County EOC, their Department of Public Health main office, the origin of the Mokelumne Aqueduct, the Pardee Dam and Reservoir, and the Jackson Creek Spillway and Dam. The buildings are vulnerable to fire but the two dams and aqueduct are generally less vulnerable to fire. Other infrastructure noted in the 10 mile radius are multiple PSC

communications towers, 5 hydro power plants (99, 14, 4.5, 1.4, .23MW), multiple associated substations, multiple transmission lines (230, 115, 80, 60kV, +), and two natural gas lines (12 and 10 inch).

### **Missions**

- Mission # 2015-LAW-15806. 15 single person patrol cars are requested to assist with evacuations for the town of Mokelumne Hill
- Mission # 2015-IREOC-15822. Air Resources Board will provide 3 air monitors at the request of Amador County Air Pollution Control Officer to be placed in 3 locations: Sutter Creek Elementary School, 340 Spanish St., Sutter Creek, 95685; ACES Waste Services, 19801 Berry St., Pine Grove, CA 95665; and County Admin. Ctr. 810 Court St., Jackson Ca, 95642.
- Mission # 2015-IREOC-15818. 6 air monitors for the Calaveras Environmental Health who will coordinate locations with ARB. Currently, only two are available. One will be placed at Mountain Ranch Volunteer Station, 8041 Washington Street and one will be placed at Calaveras Consolidated Fire Department, 129 Hwy 12, Valley Springs.
- Mission # 2015-IREOC-15857. A portable repeater has been deployed to Calaveras County Sheriff's Office to assist with communications needs for the ongoing evacuations, road closures and EMS. One or more of their repeaters are off the air.
- EMMA Request Pending for 3 Eldorado County personnel to assist at the Amador County Animal Shelter. Amador County is further coordinating 2 additional staff that is enroute from Sacramento County.
- MIGU-4 is on scene to provide OASIS support for the Butte Fire, CA-AEU-024918, E-644 and will be at the Calaveras County Fair Grounds.
- Per the CalEPA EF10 Coordinator as of 1400 hours, 09/11/15, Calaveras County Environmental Manager, Jason Boetzer, requested that CalEPA work with the county on coordinating eventual cleanup activities.
  - Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) was requested to lean forward to the county to provide information and guidance. CalRecycle was requested to lean forward to provide similar information.
  - CalRecycle is currently not able to do this because they are actively managing two geographically separate wildland fire cleanup activities. CalRecycle management has been notified.
- Two (2) Nevada National Guard Type I Helicopters have been requested through the CA/NV interstate Agreement to support CAL FIRE incidents. ETA 1200 hours 09/13/15.
- Two (2) FEMA LNO have been deployed to the SOC.

Cal OES Duty Officers are monitoring the situation and will provide updates as they become available.

This report will be updated as information becomes available.

POINT OF CONTACT: California State Warning Center  
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